

PROHIBITION IS G. O. P. COUNCIL LIGHTNING ROD

Lewis Men Determined to
Force Dry Issue on
Whitman.

PATRIOTISM IS KEYNOTE

Aside From Faction Fight,
Convention Is Just a Big
Demonstration.

From a Staff Correspondent of THE SUN.
SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., July 16.—
Prohibition will be the storm center of
the Republican unofficial convention,
which meets here Thursday. Although
the friends of Attorney-General Merion
E. Lewis realize that they are hopelessly
outnumbered, having less than one-third
of the delegates, they are determined to
force a vote on this issue.

It is probable, too, that the difference
of opinion on the question of a return
to the convention system of nominating
State candidates will come to a vote on
the floor.

Aside from these two issues of platform
policy, this gathering promises to be
one of the most enthusiastic patriotic
demonstrations held in Republican
circles since the beginning of the war.
Never before has a State convention,
official or unofficial, been honored with
addresses of two ex-presidents of the
United States.

Two Ex-Presidents to Speak.
Add to this a speech from the chair-
man of the National Committee and an-
other from Elihu Root, former United
States Senator, former Secretary of
State and former Secretary of War, and
you have a programme which never be-
fore has been equaled in any similar
gathering in the country.

Were it not for the avowed purpose
of the Lewis managers to make all the
trouble they can for Gov. Whitman, as
demagogue, as they say, to the Republi-
cans of the State, the vacillation of the
Governor on some of the most important
issues of the day, this convention would
be little more than a grand patriotic
rally.

Although the Lewis plan of campaign
will not be definitely mapped out until
the arrival of the Attorney-General and
Theodore Douglas Robinson, his man-
ager, to-morrow, enough has been
learned of the intentions of the Lewis
group to indicate that they intend to
bring the prohibition issue to a vote on
the floor of the convention.

Whitman Would Ignore Issue.
The purpose of the friends of Gov.
Whitman, as it is understood here to-
night, is to ignore the prohibition issue
altogether in the platform. If this is
done, the opposition will probably bring
it before the convention by offering a
resolution for a platform plank declar-
ing in favor of a prohibition amend-
ment to the State constitution. This would
carry with it a referendum to the peo-
ple.

Gov. Whitman has consistently op-
posed the ratification of the Federal
amendment, and looks upon the propo-
sition for a State amendment as merely
a subterfuge to defeat the nationwide
reform. Although they thought un-
derstand they would be starting a hope-
less fight in proposing such a resolu-
tion, the idea is that it will give the
Lewis oratorical a chance to train
his guns on the Governor.

True, there is to be no discussion of
candidates on the floor of the conven-
tion, but the Attorney-General is com-
ing in person with the idea of doing
much damage to the Whitman cause by
flank attacks and sniping raids on the
broad piazzas of the United States
Hotel, which this year, as for years
without number in the past, is the official
Republican headquarters.

Anti-Saloon Leader Arrives.
William H. Anderson, State Superin-
tendent of the Anti-Saloon League, ar-
rived here to-night with portfolio bulg-
ing with papers. He says he has com-
mitted to look on, but in the past he
has proved a shrewd politician, and it
so happens that his ideas on what not
to put into the platform on prohibition
coincide with those of the Gov-
ernor.

"Prohibition is not an issue to be
placed in party platforms," declared Mr.
Anderson. "It is a moral issue and
should be left to candidates. We believe
it would hurt the cause if there should
be a party platform declaration."
"You may remember that some years
ago Gov. Hanly of Indiana forced pro-
hibition into the party platform there,
and the Republican party was defeated
and it came back into power for years.
That was responsible for the election of
Gov. Marshall and his later elevation to
the Vice-Presidency."

With the belief that their action will
hurt Gov. Whitman, the Lewis people
are planning to throw Lieut.-Gov.
Schoenck overboard. They profess to
believe that the charges against the
defeated John A. Tolson, his law clerk,
who was under investigation by the
Federal Grand Jury in Syracuse for
alleged unsympathetic utterances, have re-
sulted in his unavailability as a candidate
to succeed himself.

Whitman Stands by Schoenck.
Whitman people are standing by the
Lieutenant-Governor, and the opposition
expects to use this against the Gov-
ernor. Friends of Mr. Schoenck assert
there is no more loyal and patriotic citi-
zen in the State. They say he has more
liberty bonds than any other member of
the administration, and point to his
work on the war savings committee in
Syracuse as further proof of his loyalty.
The plan of the Lewis people is to
name for Lieutenant-Governor a man
from New York city to balance the up-
State candidacy of the Attorney-Gen-
eral. It has been suggested that the
nominating of a Hebrew might give
strength to the ticket. Among the sug-
gestions are Marcus M. Marks of New
York county and Meier Steinbrink of
Kings. The latter, it is asserted, would
give a war favor to the Lewis ticket.
He is engaged in assisting Hughes in
the aircraft production inquiry.

W. W. Cocks, the Whitman manager,
and Samuel S. Koenig, one of the staff,
say there is no Whitman pro-
gramme. They have more than three
fourths of the delegates and there is little
chance they will lose any sleep over
their ability to put across everything
they see fit, no matter how late it may
be determined upon.

Root for Platform Committee.
President Nicholas Murray Butler of
Columbia, who, in the days that William
Haines of Albany controlled the des-
tines of the Republican State organiza-
tion, was the platform maker extraordi-
nary, is here to-night. He does not ad-
vise, however, that he has any platform
suggestions.

What the Whitman forces will make
of the nomination of the committee on resolu-
tions is a deep mystery. It may be

HEARST'S CANDIDACY THOUGHT UNLIKELY

Editor Believed to Have Elim-
inated Himself From Gov-
ernorship Race.

LOGIC PICKS SMITH

Advocates of Business Man's
Rule Turning to Rodman
Wanamaker.

With the centre of interest as far as
it concerns Republicans—Old Guard and
Progressive—transferred for the time
being to Saratoga, local Democratic
leaders spent most of yesterday and last
night with their ears to the ground try-
ing anxiously to detect some note of dis-
cord from the Spa or something which
might indicate to the puzzled Tammany
steers a judicious line of action in re-
gard to the nomination of a Govern-
ment candidate. Hearing no terrestrial
rumble which seemed to portend a split
in the G. O. P., the Democratic wisecracks
began to consult again their own list of
eligibles.

There were no two opinions among
local Democrats as to the man they re-
garded as the ultimate candidate, pro-
vided of course that the rumors of Mr.
Hearst's elimination have some basis in
fact, and provided further that Mr.
Hearst and Mr. Murphy would consent
"for the good of the party" to agree to
Mr. Smith's candidacy. Among politi-
cians the attitude of both Mr. Hearst
and Mr. Murphy toward the Smith was
regarded as problematical. It is well
known that Mr. Hearst opposed the
nomination of Mr. Smith for Mayor of
New York, and that Mr. Murphy would
organize Democrats who do not hesi-
tate to say that Boss Murphy would
regard the elevation of his most power-
ful and popular ally in the organiza-
tion as at least detrimental to his own
prestige.

Conclusion in a Nutsell.
Nevertheless the opinion generally ex-
pressed among Democrats who regard
the re-nomination of Gov. Whitman as
nothing less than a certainty is that
Al Smith is the man to beat the Gov-
ernor if anybody can. Certain politicians
were inclined to read some significance
into the designation of Mr. Smith as a
director of the reorganized Transatlantic
Trust Company by Allen Property Com-
missioner, A. Mitchell Palmer, who took
over the property of the company in be-
half of the Federal Government last
week, as a delicate compliment to John
P. Hyman for Mayor, sent out a circular
letter to a number of civic organiza-
tions urging the nomination of a busi-
ness man for Governor. While no name
was mentioned, the appeal, which was
signed by Preston P. Lynn, general
manager of the Whitman store in
New York, as chairman of the league,
was regarded by some as indicating
something more than a sporadic boom
for Mr. Wanamaker.

There was every indication that the
delegates to the unofficial Democratic
convention which will meet in Saratoga
next Tuesday will have to decide be-
tween Alfred E. Smith, Mayor Walker
of Binghamton and Mr. Hearst, should
it be found that the self-elimination of
Hearst, Mr. Osborn, for whom they con-

tend no actual sentiment really exists,
will find that the chief incentive of his
self-promoted candidacy will have been
removed and that he will join in the in-
dorsement of some other more appealing
candidate.

That narrows the list of candidates
under consideration at the Democratic
powwow at Saratoga last week to three
men—James H. Gerard, Mayor Harry
C. Walker of Binghamton and Alfred E.
Smith.

The mention of Gerard's name does
not strike a responsive chord among
Democratic leaders. They believe that
whatever prestige the former Ambassa-
dor may have enjoyed has been lost
and that his candidacy would not in-
spire the support of the national Ad-
ministration. Mayor Walker of Bingham-
ton has enjoyed a certain amount of
consideration by the Democratic
leaders by reason of his two successful
candidacies for public office in a Republi-
can city, but his lack of a State-wide
acquaintance is considered by many of
the older and more experienced Tam-
many politicians to be too great a handi-
cap in a war time campaign which will
be fought out on lines which prom-
ise to be a struggle of the kind which
displays of patriotic fireworks. The
same statement holds good in the minds
of the leaders for Charles B. Alexander
and William H. Edwards, whose names
were also under consideration in Syra-
cuse.

Out of the shuffle President Alfred E.
Smith stood out last night most promi-
nently as the ultimate candidate, pro-
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Two Views of Hearst.
Certain Democratic leaders who in
every political campaign for a dozen
years or more have been regarded among
the wise ones in the party's councils de-
clared emphatically that Mr. Hearst was
eliminated already from all consideration
that he not only had been eliminated
from the party leaders from further
consideration, but that for some
days the editor-politician had held to a
decision to eliminate himself. On the
other hand, more than one Tammany
leader with knowledge of the affairs of
the organization admitted that the pos-
sibility of Mr. Hearst announcing his
candidacy loomed up yet like a wire en-
tanglement and blocked whatever pro-
gress the rest of the party managers were
trying to make in the selection of a
candidate.

As a result of the intricacies of the
situation the political stock of Alfred E.
Smith, president of the Board of Alder-
men, rose several points.

The man who foresaw the elimination
of Hearst as a candidate, and who em-
phatically declared that justification of
their surmises would be forthcoming
within a few days, based their belief
upon two things: the lukewarmness of
the local organization leaders as to the
possibility of a Hearst candidacy at this
time and the reported growth of anti-
Hearst sentiment among the Democrats
up-State.

The men who decline to longer con-
sider Hearst as a possibility eliminate at
the same time, William Church Osborn
from further consideration. They be-
lieve that with the elimination of Mr.
Hearst, Mr. Osborn, for whom they con-

place. An effort will be made to present
the name of only one candidate when
the convention proper meets, and to this
end the committee of forty-two, which
met in Syracuse last week, will convene
in Saratoga Monday in an effort to
decide who that candidate will be.

A resolution endorsing William Church
Osborn for Governor was unanimously
adopted yesterday by the Democratic
committee of Putnam, Mr. Osborn's
home county. Delegates to the party
conference at Saratoga were chosen and
instructed to commend Mr. Osborn to
the people of the State "as a Democrat
of the type of Wilson."

DELEGATES NAMED.
Democrats Will Send Many Women
to Saratoga Convention.

Brooklyn Democrats yesterday se-
lected delegates to the unofficial State
convention in Saratoga, next week.
There were no contests, and as in the
case of the Republican unofficial pri-
maries women delegates were named
from nearly every Assembly district.
The delegates selected were:

First—John F. Quayle, John J. Fitz-
gerald, Arthur G. Foye.
Second—Michael J. Fennelly, John Stod-
dard, Miss Lillian Murphy.
Third—James Kane, Senator Thomas H.
Cavanagh, Miss Mary Sparr.
Fourth—Thomas Brennan, Frank V.
Kelly, Miss Laura Riegman.
Fifth—John Sexton, James I. Kelley,
Miss John Dorman, Mark Rubich,
Mrs. Carrie D'Onof.
Sixth—Michael J. Daly, Mrs. Mary
Heffernan, James F. Smith, Jr.
Seventh—Thomas F. Wogan, Thomas T.
Flanagan, James J. Maher.
Eighth—William H. Caraway, James W.
Redmond, Mrs. Minnie Harris.
Ninth—Charles M. Byrne, Dennis Norton,
Miss Mary Riegman.
Tenth—John Carpenter, James J.
Daly, Mrs. Mary Riegman.
Eleventh—James H. Guider, James B.
Houck, Miss Alice Leddy.
Twelfth—Timothy Griffin, John D. John-
son, Mrs. Ellen Joyce.
Thirteenth—Harry Carroll, Harry How-
ard, Dale, Mrs. Terrance Nugent.
Fourteenth—John J. Ryan, Dr. P. I. Nash,
Mrs. Mary Riegman.
Fifteenth—Peter H. Hanson, John L.
Shay, Julia V. Griller.
Sixteenth—John H. McConkey, William
E. Kelly, Mrs. Eileen McConkey.
Seventeenth—Mrs. P. Kattenke.
Eighteenth—William F. Delaney, David
Hirschfeld, Mrs. Margaret O'Malley.
Nineteenth—Henry Hesterberg, John
Cavanaugh, Mrs. Margaret O'Malley.
Twentieth—James P. Rinnott, Her-
man Torberg, Miss Gertrude Vaughn.
Twenty-first—John J. Carbery, Herman
Schorenstein, Miss Laura Mulcaire.

CONFERENCE WITH WHITMAN.
Supporters of Governor's Can-
didacy Meet at Executive Mansion.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.
ALBANY, July 16.—A number of politi-
cal leaders of New York State who
favor the candidacy of Gov. Whitman
arrived in Albany yesterday and joined
in a conference at the executive man-
sion. J. Sloat Fassett of Elmira, who is
the temporary chairman of the unofficial
Republican State convention at Sara-
toga, and W. W. Cocks, manager of
Gov. Whitman's third term campaign,
were among the number.

The Governor declined to discuss the
conference, but expressed gratification
at the prospect of his re-nomination.
Manager Cocks was on his way from
New York to Saratoga to open head-
quarters at that place for the State con-
vention, which starts Thursday. He
made no comment except that "every-
thing looked well for the Whitman cam-
paign."

William Barnes, head of the Albany
county delegation, was another of the
arrivals. He conferred with the leaders
of the campaign of Attorney-General
Lewis, rival of Gov. Whitman, and with
other local Republicans. It was stated
that Albany county plans to send a large
delegation to the convention.

DRAFT BOARDS TOLD TO EXEMPT MINERS

Crowder Puts Coal Situation
Entirely Up to Local
Officials.

RULES MADE TO BE BENT

Insignia to Show Men Are Not
Slackers Possible Solu-
tion of Trouble.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.
WILKESBARRE, July 16.—Provost Mar-
shal General Crowder's answer to the
demands of anthracite operators that
deferred classification be given all mine
workers is that the selective draft regu-
lations are flexible and that power to
keep men at home to maintain a maxi-
mum production of coal rests entirely
with the local draft boards.

This answer was given by Major Ros-
coe Conklin, assistant to Gen. Crowder,
at a conference of operators and draft
officials from all the districts in the
anthracite belt to-day.

Major Conklin laid down the follow-
ing rules by which the man power of
the mines can be conserved to provide
the coal necessary to win the war:

First—Realize that coal must be pro-
vided.

Second—Definitely determine the place
where the services of the registrant are
most productive.

Third—Give no one any chance to
rush to special service to escape army
service.

Fourth—The coal problem is a com-
munity problem. The draft boards must
give their best judgment to every case,
consider the needs and if a man from
a productive industry is sent to war
learn where another man can be found
to take his place.

Fifth—Determine whether a registrant
shall go to active service or become a
member of the industrial army.

Sixth—When a decision is reached
stand firmly by it. Remember no courts
can get behind your judgment.

Seventh—Realize that the regulations
are flexible and that while they are not
to be broken they are meant to be bent.

Major Conklin declared that the coal
trouble of last winter must not reoc-
cur next winter, and added that upon
the shoulders of the draft boards will
rest the responsibility of classifying the
registrants where the services will fill
the greatest needs of the nation.

He instructed the boards that it was
their duty to report that they had no
men to fill quotas rather than take the
men from important industries, such as
coal mining. He admitted that such
talk was unusual. But he declared that
guidance was necessary in view of the
fact that the welfare of more than a
million fighting men now in France was
at stake.

It was most forcibly called to the at-
tention of Major Conklin that his solu-
tion was not practical unless the Gov-
ernment took some step to make mine
workers realize that their services were
just as important at home as on the
battlefield.

Various draft board members ex-
plained the mine workers have positively
refused to accept deferred classification

MEDALS FOR NAVAL HEROES.

Daniels Rewards Three for Acts of
Bravery.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—Award of a
gold medal to Commander Henry C.
Mustin, U. S. N., for heroism in saving
the life of Fireman H. L. LeGette on
January 15, was announced to-day by
Secretary Daniels. Commander Mustin
leaped into a heavy sea, and under
peril of being crushed against the side
of the ship, which was rolling heavily,
supported LeGette until both were
hauled to the deck.

Thomas Olsen, chief boatswain's mate,
has been commended by Secretary
Daniels for courage and initiative dis-
played when the U. S. S. Walrus was
sunk in collision May 22.

Ensign Ellwood L. Houtz, U. S. N. R.,
has been commended for preventing
what might have been a serious ac-
cident by following a cable under water
and releasing two depth bombs which
had been washed overboard from the
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